

## ESSAYS TO ACCOMPANY THE GRADUATE DEGREE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Provide your essay responses on separate sheets of paper. Note the essay number and your name at the top of each essay. If you type your essay, we suggest an 11 or 12 size font, single or double spaced (your discretion).

- 1) Write an essay in which you discuss your long-range goals and objectives in pursuing your degree, stating their relevance for the East-West Center and its programs of international research and community building. (Maximum length: five pages)
- 2) Write a brief biographical essay in which you discuss your background including community service or civic engagement activities, and reasons for pursuing graduate study. (Maximum length for the essay: two pages)

Note: Include a copy of your resume or curriculum vitae.

- 3) Your participation in EWC seminars, activities, and residential community will be alongside students from the U.S., Asia and the Pacific region. Please comment on your preparedness for this inter-cultural learning environment. (Maximum length: two pages)
- 4) As part of the fellowship, students complete an East-West Center academic requirement. This may involve completion of one of the following interdisciplinary graduate certificates: Leadership, International Cultural Studies, Global Health and Population Studies, Conflict Resolution, or Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance; or invited involvement in an East-West Center research project. If you would be interested in being involved in research with an EWC project, please list the research area you would be interested in and discuss why you selected this area. If your preference is for a certificate program, indicate your interest. Refer to the East-West Center Research Program website for current research themes and projects [EastWestCenter.org/research](http://EastWestCenter.org/research). (Maximum length: one page)
- 5) Complete the following essay *only if* you have indicated you want to be considered for the ADB scholarship in addition to the East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship. (Maximum length: five pages)

Write an essay in which you discuss your long range goals and objectives in pursuing your degree stating their relevance to the ADB vision and mission under **Strategy 2020**, as described on the ADB website, [adb.org/strategy2020/faqs.asp](http://adb.org/strategy2020/faqs.asp):

“ADB’s vision under Strategy 2020 will continue to be ‘An Asia and Pacific Region Free of Poverty’ and its mission to help its DMCs [Developing Member Countries] reduce poverty and improve living conditions and quality of life. ADB is committed to ending poverty in the region... Reducing poverty requires inclusive growth where more people become economically productive citizens and share in a society’s growing well-being. The ability to achieve and to sustain poverty reduction depends on well-managed natural environment. Further, ADB believes that the process of ending poverty in the region can be accelerated when neighboring economies work within larger and freer markets and when governments achieve common interests through common efforts through regional cooperation. ADB will position itself more strategically as a partner and agent for change by promoting private sector development, good governance, gender equality, knowledge solutions, and partnerships, identified under Strategy 2020 as the region’s five key drivers of change.” (Maximum length: five pages)